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**EXAMINING GROUP 1632**  
**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Austin SMITH et al.  
Serial No.: 09/686,880  
Filed: October 12, 2000  
For: **LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS AND  
PROGENITOR CELLS**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed, August 28, 2003, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections at page 8 of this paper.

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